

## The Oxford Falcon.

### THE LIGHT OF HOME.

The light at home, how bright it seems,  
When evening shades around us fall!  
To live, and rest, and comfort call.  
When weary with the toils of day,  
And strife for glory, gold, or fame,  
How sweet to see the quiet way,  
Where living lips will tell our names,  
And lead the light at home!

When through the dark and stormy night,  
The wayward winds blow from the sea,  
How cheering is that twanging light,  
Which through the stormy gloom he spied!  
It is the light of home—he feels  
That living hearts will greet him there;  
And softly through his bosom steals  
The joy that banishes care,  
Around the light at home.

The light at home! where's it last  
It greets the seaman through the storm,  
Its flashes more the chilling blast,  
That beats upon his manly form.  
Loud voices gave a cheering kiss,  
But the old heart, when those were shed,  
Will now be paid with twinges still,  
Around the light at home.

Now light at home! how still and sweet  
It grows, from under the gloomy boughs,  
The weary laborer to greet,  
When the rough tide of day are o'er,  
Find in the soil that does not know  
The blessing that the human impart,  
The cheerful hopes and joys now,  
And lights on the brawny heart,  
Around the light at home.

**HARPER'S WEEKLY.**—The insidious efforts of this journal to keep alive at the North a feeling of distrust towards the South are in a high degree reprehensible. The sensational pictures which, up to the close of the war, disfigured its pages, were the most glaring caricatures of the scenes which they professed to describe.

Though these occur less frequently now than they did a few months ago, its reading columns are constantly filled with matter addressed to the prejudices, the hatred and fanaticism of the Northern mind. While making constant appeals to the people of the North to distrust those of the South, and to put no faith in any professions they may make, it at the same time inveighs bitterly against the South for not abandoning every impulse which has heretofore actuated them in public affairs, and rushing to the embrace of men who like the editors of Harper's Weekly, are constantly defaming them. We regard the *censure* of that journal as hurtful to the interests of the whole country. Decimations like those in its columns are calculated to open the wounds which every patriot should seek to heal. The Southern people are honest in their purposes of restoration under the Constitution. If Harper's Weekly and other similar sheets were to devote themselves to the advocacy of the principles of that instrument, instead of their overthrow, and to the incitation of a spirit of concord amongst all the friends of the constitution, rather than to encourage a crusade against the Southern people, they might lay claim to some merit as patriots. As it is, they can only be regarded as disorganizers who appeal to the lowest passions of human nature to accomplish their unpatriotic purpose.

It is a sign that the South, says the Louisville Journal, is becoming lively and active in the regular way, that we are beginning to hear of railway disasters in that section.

It is folly to expend money for lottery tickets for the strongest fly-blister can't make them draw.

A Doctor's bill is compared to the trunk of an elephant—it will stretch to any length.

Why is a man paying his note at the bank, like a father going to see his children? Because he meets his responsibilities.

A magistrate asked an Irishman whom he was questioning: "Have you ever seen the sea?"

"Yes, said the man, "yes, honor." Be jibes, an does yet honor suppose that I was trundled all the way over the salt ocean in a wheel-barrow?

A person, complaining of the smallness of some chops brought to the table, an incorrigible wag observed—probably the sheep fed on short com-moms.

You seem to walk more erect than usual, my friend. 'Yes, I have been very lately straightened by a circumstance.'

A lady has denied the color of her ringlets since her lover went to prison.

We have heard of a six-shoemaker being dismissed from his congregation, for the profanity of swearing upon his sole.

An old dutch farmer, just arrived at the dignity of a justice of the peace, had his first marriage case. He set it up in this way. "He first said to the man:

"Well, you want to be married, do you? Tell you bring the woman so good as any woman you have seen!"

"Yes."

Then he said to the woman, "Well, do you love this man so better than any man you have ever seen?"

The housewife, a little while, and then repeated: "Well, well, do you love him still as to be his wife?"

"Yes, you're right."

"Well, did all your reasonable man expect? So you are married. I suppose you are, egg wife?"

He was asked the Justice what was the result of all; you are very well, if it will do you any good."

### STAMP DUTIES.

Imposed by Act of Congress, March 3, 1865, which took Effect April 1st, 1865.

Instruments are not to be recorded unless properly stamped.

No instrument is valid for the use of the particular kind of stamp designated, provided a legal stamp of equivalent amount (except Proprietary Stamp) is duly affixed.

All official instruments, documents and papers issued or used by officers of the United States Government, are exempt from duty.

In all cases where an adhesive stamp shall be used, indicating any duty imposed by this Act, the person using the stamp shall write thereupon the initials of his name, and the date upon which the same shall be attached, or used, so that the same may not be used again, under a penalty of \$50.

Instruments heretofore issued without stamp, not to be valid where stamp is subsequently affixed. Postage stamps cannot be used as Revenue stamps.

No one may present to the Commissioners of Internal Revenue, documents, and receipts on his opinion whether the stamp is charged on any duty; and if the said Commissioners shall be of opinion that it is not chargeable with any stamp duty, he is required to impress on it a particular stamp, with words to signify that it is not chargeable with stamp duty; and every instrument on which said stamp is impressed, shall be received in evidence in all courts, notwithstanding objection to the ground of such instruments issued without the proper stamp.

The party to whom a document stands from a foreign country, or by whom it is to be executed, before using the same, shall affix thereon the stamp or stamp indicating the duty required.

Proprietors of Cosmetic, Medicines, or Proprietary articles, may furnish private dies, to be approved by the Commissioners, and are allowed a per cent on all purchases of \$500, over \$500, ten per cent,

**Agreement.**

Other than those mentioned in this section (or any amendment,) for every sheet or place of paper on which it is written.

Appraisement of value or damage, or cost.

**Proprietary, Medicines, Cosmetic, etc.**

Not over twenty-five cents.

For every five cents.

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For every additional five cents, or fraction thereof.

Fraction matches, or any articles made in part of wood, in packages containing one hundred matches, or less.

Whence ever made, when the sum paid does not exceed \$100, or equivalent thereto, in any foreign currency in which such bills may be expressed.

For every additional \$100, or fractional part thereof in excess of \$100.

**Bill of Exchange, foreign.**

Drawn in full payable out of the United States. It drawn singly or otherwise than in a set of three or more—same as inland bills of exchange.

Drawn in parcels or packages containing more than one hundred, and not more than two hundred, for each parcel or package.

And for every additional one hundred dollars and fractional part thereof.

For all cigar, lighter, and wax tapes, double the rates herein imposed upon fractions thereof.

**Bills of Exchange, inland.**

Draft or order for the payment of any sum of money, not exceeding \$100, otherwise than as a note, or on a Bank Note, or Check, or any memorandum, check, receipt, or other written or printed evidence of an amount of money to be paid on demand or at a time designated, or not exceeding five cents.

For every additional \$100, or fractional part in excess of \$100.

**Bill of Sale.**

Bills of sale, by which any ship or vessel or vessel, or part thereof, shall be conveyed to or vested in other person or persons, when the consideration shall not exceed five hundred dollars, stamp duty.

But, if the consideration exceeds five hundred dollars and does not exceed one thousand dollars.

Exceeding one thousand dollars, for every additional amount of five hundred dollars, fractional part thereof.

Personal property other than ships or vessels.

**Bills of Lading.**

For goods and merchandise exported to foreign port, other than charter party, such bills.

**Certificate.**

Of indemnity—where the penalty is one thousand dollars or less.

Where the penalty exceeds one thousand dollars, or every additional one thousand dollars or fractional part in excess of one thousand dollars.

For the due execution of the duties of any office.

Or any description, other than such as may be required in any particular service, or in connection therewith, as set forth in certificate.

**Certificate of Weight.**

In any Incorporated Company, for an amount less than ten thousand dollars, not exceeding five cents.

From five hundred dollars to one thousand dollars.

Exceeding one thousand dollars, for every additional one thousand dollars, or fractional part thereof.

**Certificate of Stock.**

In Incorporated Company.

**Charter Party.**

Or any letter or memorandum relating to the charter of any vessel. If the restricted tonnage does not exceed 150 tons.

From 150 to 500 tons.

From 500 to 1000 tons.

Over 1000 tons.

**Checks, Drafts or Orders.**

For any amount, any Bank or Trust Company, at sight or on demand.

For amounts exceeding ten dollars on any other than Bank, Banker or Trust Company, at sight or on demand.

**Contracts.**

Contract Broker's Notes, or Memorandum of any goods of merchandise, stock, trade, exchange, notes of hand, real estate or property of any kind, or description whatsoever, documents, or instruments, or contracts.

**Conveyance or Deed of Grant.**

Where the consideration or value does not exceed five hundred dollars.

From five hundred dollars to one thousand dollars.

And for every additional five hundred dollars, or fractional part thereof, in excess of one thousand dollars.

**Credit of Goods.**

For one hundred dollars not exceeding five hundred dollars.

For one hundred dollars to five hundred dollars.

Exceeding five hundred dollars.

**Creditors.**

For the withdrawal of goods from a creditor's return, if not a quantity not exceeding 500 gallons gross weight.

Exceeding 500 gallons gross weight.

**Crown.**

Where the rent is three hundred dollars less.

Where the rent exceeds three hundred dollars, for each additional three hundred dollars or fraction thereof.

Amount of a lease, same stamp as original, or additional stamp upon the value or consideration of lease, according to the rates of stamp on deeds.

**Courtney for Entry, Clearance.**

Of cargo of vessel for foreign port, if tonnage not exceed 500 tons.

From 500 to one thousand.

Exceeding 1,000 barrels.

**Cutter's Return.**

If for a quantity not exceeding 1,000 barrels.

Exceeding 1,000 barrels.

**Mortgage or Personal Bond.**

Giving condition for the payment of any debt, sum, from one thousand dollars to five hundred dollars.

Exceeding five hundred dollars and not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For every additional five hundred dollars, or fractional part thereof, in excess of one thousand dollars.

**Prudent.**

That he may be prudent, and never

expect. So you are prudent. I

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